CLAIMS

What is claimed to be new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

- 1. An apparatus for a deep pan for use with paint and a paint roller, the paint roller having a handle thereon, the pan having a fitted cover, in combination comprising:
- a) a paint roller pan for use with a paint roller, said paint roller pan having a wall around its periphery, said paint roller pan having a first deep end and an opposing second shallow end contained within said wall, said paint roller pan having a first lip disposed on top of said wall;
- b) wherein said deep end of said paint roller pan has a depth greater than the diameter of the paint roller to permit the paint roller to be completely contained within the paint roller pan;
- c) wherein said shallow end of said paint roller pan has a depth greater than the diameter of the handle of the paint roller to permit the paint roller handle to be completely contained within the paint roller pan; and,
 - d) a cover being removably disposed on said paint roller pan,

said cover being substantially planar, said cover being complementarily shaped as said wall of said paint roller pan, said cover having a second lip on the periphery thereof, said second lip of said cover mating to said first lip of said paint roller pan to permit said cover to tightly fit to said paint roller pan.

- 2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein an impermeable seat is formed between said first lip and said second lip to prevent the paint in the paint roller pan from drying out.
- 3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said impermeable seal is impermeable to gas to prevent the paint in the paint roller pan from drying out.
- 4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said impermeable seal is impermeable to fluid to prevent the paint in the paint roller pan from drying out.
 - 5. The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein said cover comprises soft rubber.
 - 6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said cover comprises soft plastic.
- 7. The apparatus of Claim 6, further comprising a flange disposed on the inside of said wall on second end of said paint roller pan, said flange for propping up the end of the handle of the paint roller to permit the handle of the paint roller to stay out of

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the paint in the paint roller pan while the apparatus is in use.

- 8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said flange is an upwardly concave flange for propping up the end of the handle of the paint roller.
- 9. The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the interior of said paint roller pan can be evacuated by pressing downward on the middle portion of said cover as said cover is being placed onto said paint roller pan.
- 10. The apparatus of Claim 9, further comprising a paint roller, said paint roller having a first end having a roller thereon and a second end having a handle thereon to permit paint to be rolled onto a surface.